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Applicant: BUNICHI SHOJI

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Title: A TRUSS STRUCTURE, STRUCTURAL MEMBERS THEREOF, AND
A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 5, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2000,
applicant provisionally elects Claims 1-5 and 8 with traverse.

Reconsideration is requested on grounds that the Patent and Trademark Office has not made a prima facie case of independence and/or distinctness to satisfy 35 U.S.C. §121. In particular, the Office Action does not explicate how the use of manual hammering of the ends constitutes a materially different process in a restriction sense.

The Office Action does not say anything at all about die Claim 6 or what the basis for restriction of that claim is in relation to either Group I or Claim 7.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement and an action upon the merits of all the claims in this application are earnestly solicited.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #1892/47565).

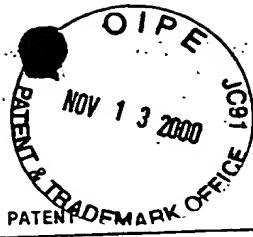
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